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In Re Application Of:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: Box Non-Fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 1999, Paper No. 6. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 17, 2000, and this response is being submitted within that time period. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.